



MFGStream Platform – What's New!

# Bridging the GAP Beyond Fourth Shift ERP

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# Agenda



- Introduction – Speakers & ICG
- Past
- Present
- Future
- Wrap-Up



# Introduction



- Keith Vincent, **Evangelist, MFGStream**
- Jason Hunt, **Senior Consultant, ICG**
- Roger Weidel, **Director of Sales, ICG**

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*This presentation contains my thoughts and opinions based on over 35 years of experience with hundreds of installations of data collection, Process Automation and ERP for manufacturing companies.*

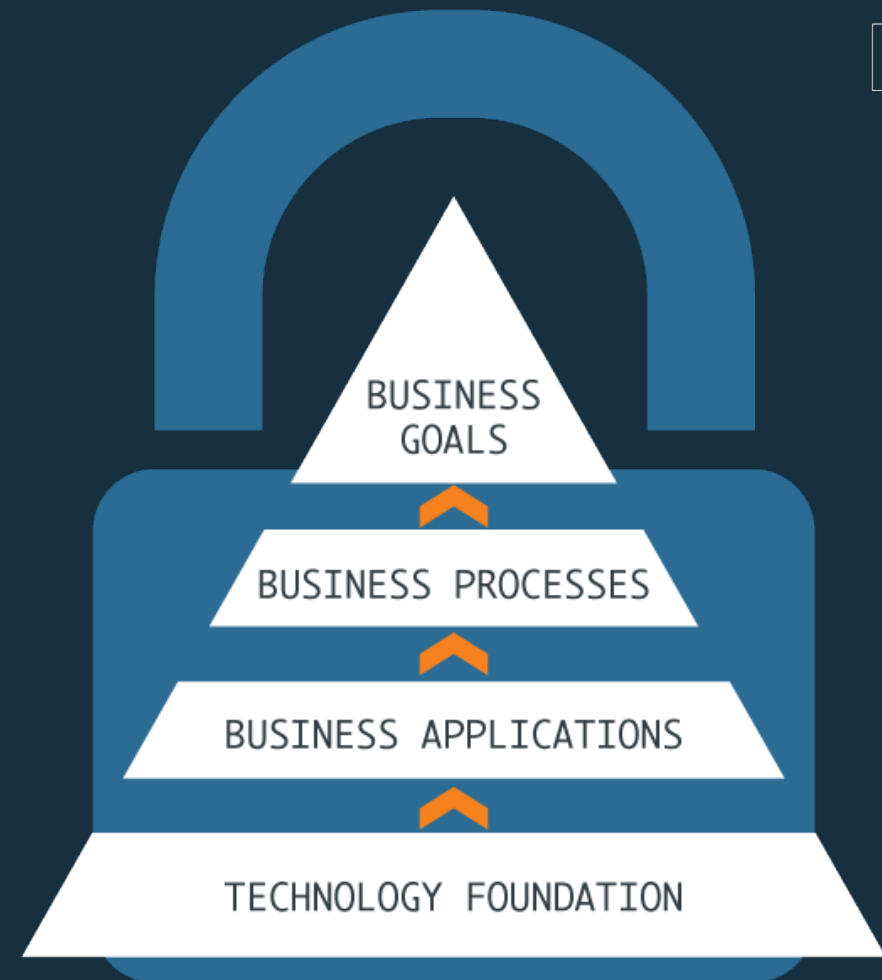


# The ICG Approach



Technology plays a crucial role in the success and operations of businesses across all industries and sectors.

A solid **technology foundation** delivers your **business applications** when and where you need them. These two combined implement your unique **business processes** allowing you to reach your **goals**.



# Value We Deliver

## ERP Solutions

### One-Stop-Shop:

- Sell
- Host
- Develop/Customize
- Implement
- Optimize
- Upgrade
- Train
- Provide professional services for Visual ERP, Acumatica Cloud ERP, and Fourth Shift ERP



## IT Services

### We Do What It Takes:

- We provide end-to-end IT services and technology solutions for small to large-sized businesses:
  - Managed services
  - Cybersecurity
  - Business Intelligence
  - Backups & Recovery
  - ... and more
- We consult and we partner
- IT Provider Since 2004



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# History

**And you may tell yourself, "This is not my beautiful house"**  
**And you may tell yourself, "This is not my beautiful wife"**  
**And you may ask yourself, "Well, how did I get here?"**

*Once in a Lifetime - Talking Heads*

# History



*Mid to late 1980s*





# History



1903 Wright Flyer

# History

**What was so innovative about VisiBar for 1000+ companies to buy it?**

**VisiBar supported any device and Business System**

- Not locked into a single device manufacturer or type
  - **Many hardware brands, Calipers, Shop machinery, ...**
- Not locked into a single ERP solution
  - **Fourth Shift, Visual, ...**
- Single transaction integrated with multiple Business systems
  - **ERP, Quality, Genealogy, ...**
- Simple multi user development
  - **Write scripts that run on multiple different devices concurrently**

# History

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**VisiBar allowed you to create custom business logic**

- Real Time NOT BATCH
  - Prior solutions (DataMax/Colog etc) were all batched – VB was first real-time for FS
- ERP's don't do everything the business needs or wants
  - Some processes are needed to cover ERP short-comings or lack of flexibility.
  - Embed your secret sauce in code. Unique to your business. Repeatable.
  - We see ERP as the 800 pound gorilla in business – but there is more than ERP.
- Business, Processes, & Technology are ever-changing
  - Being nimble about processes enables companies to stay competitive.
- Simple is BEST!
  - Eliminate confusing ERP user interfaces. Replace with business process transactions

# MFGStream



# MFGStream

## What does MFGStream give us?

- Supports VisiBar scripting
  - **Can run VisiBar scripts as is. Protect the investment you have in VisiBar scripting logic. Does everything VisiBar did and more.**
- New VBA scripting
  - **Can use a modern procedural language. Very common as used on all MS Office products. Easy to find people who know it, books, and example code on internet.**
- Multi Processor / Multi Threaded/ Newest OS
  - **Supports the latest MS OSes. Multi processor, full RAM, and MULTI THREADING.**
- Supports alternate ERP and other Platforms
  - **We support you using whatever ERP and other systems best serve your needs.**



# MFGStream

## What does MFGStream give us?

- Modern Devices
  - Support for latest devices including Android
- People who know and love it developing and
  - MFGStream and ICG have extreme dep what it can do and how to support it.
- Easy integration
  - Supports web services and other new
- Continuing product development
  - New features and enhancements being added continuously.

Quote from IT director 1 year after switching from VisiBar to MFGStream.

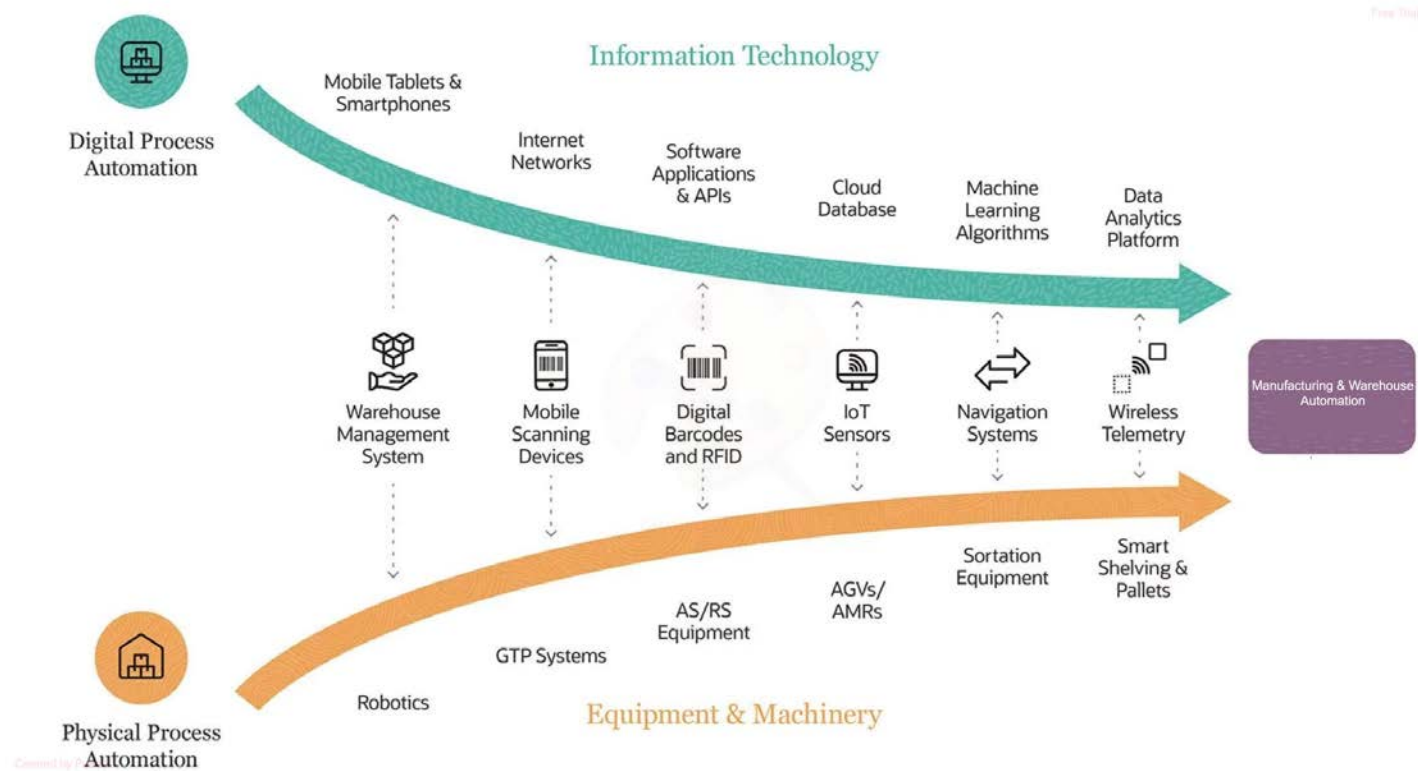
*"MFGStream has been infinitely better, more stable and faster than Visibar"*

# Fourth Shift & Acumatica Base Scripts



- Standardized scripts that can be run Out-of-the-box
  - PO Receiving – PORV
  - Inventory Move – IMTR
  - Issue Material – PICK
  - MO Receiving – MORV
  - Stock Inquiry – SSII, SSIL
  - User Login/Security and Menu System
- Customizable, if desired

# Manufacturing & Warehouse Automation





# Manufacturing & Warehouse Automation Example



# Warehouse Automation Example



# MFGStream Demo





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Lockheed Martin F-35

# MFGStream - Next



NASA SLS rocket

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# MFGStream - Next

## What's Next?

- IOT Support
  - **Integrated support for Azure Internet of Things.**
- VisiWatch Conversion
  - **Tool to allow most VisiWatch scripts to run unchanged or with very few modifications.**
- BPA integrated with MFGStream
  - **Runs BPA (VisiWatch) on same computer as MFGStream using common scripting engine/language. (Already Here!)**
- RFID
  - **Integration of full line Zebra RFID products (portable and stationary).**

# MFGStream

## What's Next?

- More online Help
  - Adding to the e
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## Registering A Terminal

- 1: Select a server in the server list to highlight it and display a list of devices.
- 2: Click the + button above the device list, this will present the "add device" dialog.

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Device Type	Device Name
TEST	Test Terminal

+ [Edit] [Delete]

- 3: Select a device type and enter a name for the device

*NOTE: The "Test" type identifies this device as a "test terminal" for the selected server. The "VBTCP" type identifies this device as a data entry terminal.*

New Device Type: VBTCP

New Device Name: [ ]

Cancel Add

- 4: Finally, select the "Add" button to finish adding the device to the subscription.

## Business Process Automation Subscription Management

Business Process Automation with MFGStream can take many forms and supports multiple trigger types such as: File Watch, File Line, Interval, Email, HTTP Requests.

### BPA Events:

**File:** Watches for file events within a specified directory and according to a specified file type/name filter to trigger a specified script.

**Line:** Watches for line additions, according to a selected line delimiter, to a specified file to trigger a specified script.

**Interval:** Defines a recurring interval used to trigger a specified script. This event type can also be used to trigger a script at a specific time.

# MFGStream - Next

## What's Next?

- Acumatica Integration
  - **Acumatica base transactions are finished and we are building a library of all the common ones.**
- ZPLBlocks
  - **No more need for Label Matrix or other designers.**
  - **Printing labels from any device is now within license scope.**
  - **Simple easy designer tools. Just what you need for manufacturing labeling.**
  - **No more complex obfuscated ZPL code.**
  - **No more lost labels or label formats.**
  - **Online web browser interface (no more RDP issues).**
  - **Fully integrated with MFGStream.**



# MFGStream – ZPL Code (simple wins)

**NCM**

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^XA
^CW1,DOWNLD1
^CW2,DOWNLD2
^CW3,DOWNLD3
^CW4,DOWNLD4
^COY,0^MMT^MD+20
^XZ
^XA
^PR1^FS
^FT340,107^A0N,102,80^FDNCM^FS
^ISSTRNWARE,N^FS
^XZ
^XA
^ILSTRNWARE^FS
^PF0^FS
^PQ1,0,0,Y
^XZ
^XA
^IDSTRNWARE
^XZ

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^XA
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^FT340,107^A0N,102,80^FDNCM^FS
^XZ

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# MFGStream - ZPL Blocks Demo



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# Questions & Discussion

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# Thank You

